**Extra land in Bombay available with Railways**

2014. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of extra land available with Railways in Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways propose to sell this extra land for commercial purposes in order to raise resources;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 12 acres.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This land is under encroachment by hutment dwellers and has been offered to the State Government on relinquishment, exchange or licence basis for undertaking slum development works.

**Basic amenities provided to passengers**

2015. SHRI VIRAN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there exists a list of basic amenities which the Railways are supposed to provide to its passengers:

(b) if so, what are these amenities;

(c) if so, why such a list has not been prepared so far;

(d) how the Railways measure their performance in providing passenger amenities in the absence of such a list;

(e) whether it is a fact that while the passenger earnings have been increasing substantially, expenditure on amenities has remained static/has risen only slightly; and

(f) what steps are being taken to provide better facilities to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Basic amenities to be provided at stations are as under:—

*Regular and Flag stations*

(i) Waiting Hall

(ii) Benches

(iii) Suitable arrangements for lighting, waiting hall and booking office.

(iv) Drinking water supply.

(v) Latrines.

(vi) Platform with well maintained surface.

(vii) Proper booking arrangements.

(viii) Shady trees.

*Halt stations*

(i) Rail level platform of suitable length.

(ii) A small waiting shed-cum-booking office.

(iii) Lighting where trains stop at night.

(iv) Shady trees.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Under various relevant plan heads, passenger amenity works were given an average annual allocation of Rs. 6.16 crores during the Sixth

Five Year Plan whereas the average allocation for Seventh Plan comes to Rs. 26.09 crores. An outlay of Rs. 73.44 crores has been provided for passenger amenity works under various plan heads during 1990-91.

(f) As per an action plan drawn up by the Railways, all deficiencies in respect of the basic passenger amenities at all stations will be eliminated by March, 1991.

**Central assistance to the States for Development of Tribal Sub-plan**

2016. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterion of allocating special Central assistance to States for development activities of Tribal Sub-plan Area;

(b) how much special Central assistance was contemplated to be given to the State of Madhya Pradesh in the last year of VIIth Five Year plan and how much amount is earmarked for this purpose in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) how much special Central assistance has been provided in the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan and whether the balance would be provided in the remaining one year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The criteria for allocating the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to states for Tribal sub-plan (TSP) are primarily Scheduled Tribe population, Tribal sub-plan area and relative backwardness of the State.

(b) and (c) Year-wise release of Special Central Assistance to Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan including the last year of the Plan, i.e., 1989-90 is given below:—

| Year | Amount released (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 . . . | 3969.98 |
| 1986-87 . . . | 4399.72 |
| 1987-88 . . . | 4518.48 |
| 1988-89 . . | 4934.15 |
| 1989-90 . . . | 5385.00 |

The allocation of special Central Assistance for the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised by the Planning Commission. An amount of Rs. 5923.50 lakhs has been allocated as Special Central Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for the first year of the Eighth Plan, i.e., 1990-91.

**Joint sector companies for oil palm cultivation**

2017. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to encourage the setting up of joint sector companies with equity participation from State Governments to undertake large scale oil palm cultivation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to rope in the private sector in a big way into this field;

(c) whether a high level meeting of the Agriculture Ministry was held and these suggestions were discussed; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.